Class-war selection of candidates—order of.

104. Mr. M. V. Cherian *(Mattancheri Town-South)*—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the selection of candidates from each class is to be made in the order given in the Government Gazette defining each class by the Staff Selection Board?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government)*.—The question is not clear.

Mr. M. V. Cherian *(Mattancheri South)*—Sir, I want the information, for instance, 'Other Christians' are described in the Gazette in a certain order—Jacobites, Marthomites, Protestants, etc. Will the appointments be made in that order?

Mr. President.—That is only an enumeration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*.—We have grouped the Communities in a certain order. Whether the chance of appointments to those communities follow that order, that is the question?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government)*.—It is not so. That is only an enumeration.

Applicants—the Staff Selection Board.

105. Mr. P. C. Varkey *(Ernakulam Town-North)*.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement containing the following particulars:—

1. the total number of applications for Government posts received by the Staff Selection Board till the 10th November 1936;

2. the number of applicants belonging to each division of the communities mentioned in the Government Proceedings dated 27th July 1936;

3. the number of graduate applicants of each communal division?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government)*.—

1. 1,117.
2.

Nayar	334
Tamil Brahmin	54
Ezhuva	217
Pulaya	Nil
Other Hindu	118

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	Other Hindu (backward or depressed)	95
	Romo Syrian	135
	Latin Catholic	43
	Other Christian	93
	Muslim	20
	Jew, Anglo-Indian, etc.	8
3.	Nayar	69
	Tamil Brahmin	18
	Ezhuva	22
	Pulaya	Nil
	Other Hindu	25
	Other Hindu (backward or depressed)	5
	Romo Syrian	29
	Latin Catholic	10
	Other Christian	25
	Muslim	3
	Jew, Anglo-Indian, etc.	2

Appointments—Departments not open to women.

106. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of departments which are not open to women for holding appointments?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—No hard and fast rules have been laid down restricting the appointment of women in any department.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Are there Departments at present in which no women are being entertained?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—There are, e. g. Police, Excise, Jail, Village Offices. No hard and fast rule has been laid.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).—May I know why they are not appointed in those Departments? Are there not proper applicants coming?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—Partly due to requirements as to physical fitness. There are also no applicants for these departments.

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